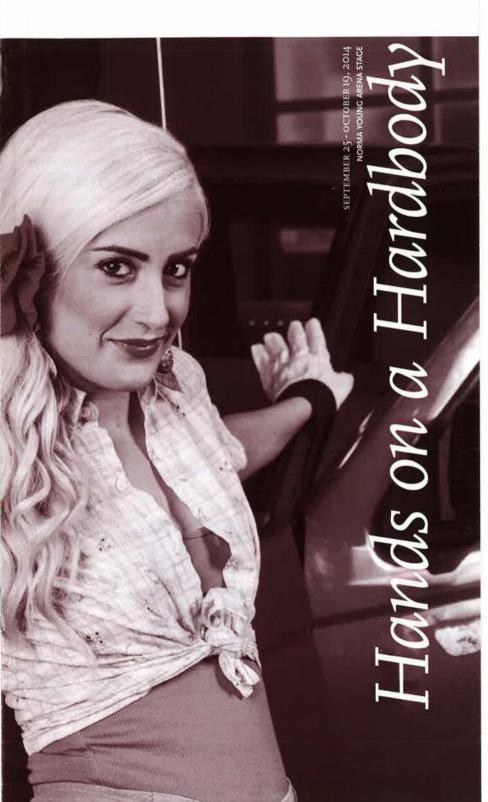


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Anniversary (2011) Theatre Three's main stage has been named the NORMA YOUNG ARENA STAGE in honor of the theatre's founding artistic director. Ms. Young, a Dallas native, served the theatre as director, leading actress and administrator from the theatre's founding in 1961 until her death in 1998.

Theatre Three thrives on her legacy of artistic and intellectual vigor, her wisdom and her continuous quest for the perfect synthesis of authors, actors and audiences.

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Hands on a

BOOK BY DOUG WRIGHT, LYRICS BY AMANDA GREEN Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

"It's A Human Drama Thing" COMPANY "If I Had A Truck" CONTESTANTS "If She Don't Sleep" don & janis "My Problem Right There" RONALD, NORMA, HEATHER, & KELLI "Alone With Me" JD & VIRGINIA "Burn That Bridge" NORMA, HEATHER, MIKE, GREG, KELLI "I'm Gone" greg & kelli "Joy of the Lord" NORMA & CONTESTANTS "Stronger" CHRIS & CONTESTANTS "Hunt with Big Dogs" BENNY& CONTESTANTS ACT II "Hands on a Hardbody" FRANK, MIKE, & COMPANY "Born in Laredo" Jesus & Contestants "Alone with Me" (reprise) JD "It's A Fix" don & janis "Used To Be" NORMA, JESUS, JD, HEATHER, GREG, KELLI, BENNY "It's A Fix" (reprise) HEATHER "God Answered My Prayers" **BENNY & COMPANY** "Joy of the Lord" (reprise) RONALD, NORMA & CHRIS "Keep Your Hands On It" сомраму There will be one 15 minute intermission

between Acts I & II

*Major Attaway NORMA VALVERDE Leah Clark JESUS PEÑA **Sergio Antonio Garcia CINDY BARNES Martha Harms ID DREW *Jim Johnson DON CURTIS/DR. STOKES **John Jones HEATHER STOVALL Monét Lerner VIRGINIA DREW Delynda Johnson Moravec FRANK NUGENT Ethan Norris CHRIS ALVARO Chris Ramirez MIKE FERRIS Aaron Roberts JANIS CURTIS *Nancy Sherrard GREG WILHOTE Garret Storms **KELLI MANGRUM** **Molly Welch BENNY PERKINS *Ashley Wood

MUSICIANS

PIANO/CONDUCTOR Sheilah V. Walker FIDDLE/MANDOLIN Hayden Oliver BASS Rick Norman GUITAR Russell Mirabelli STEEL GUITAR Buddie Hrabal

To learn more about the artistic staff and cast, see more photos and watch videos about the show, visit the Hands on a Hardbody page on Theatre Three's web site at www.theatregdallas.com.

Please silence your cell phones and all electronic devices. No photography or videography is allowed without the consent of the theater.

Special thanks to Kevin Bailey, Peggy Honea, and James Sims and Uptown Players

* indicates members working under Actors' Equity Association contracts in this production. ** indicates a performer enrolled in the AEA membership candidate program.

Hardbody

MUSIC BY TREY ANASTASIO & AMANDA GREEN Hands on a Hardbody is based on the documentary film by S.R. Bindler and Kevin Morris, HOHB Production, LLC

About the Creators

Doug Wright BOOK Mr. Wright was awarded the

Pulitzer, the Tony, and the Drama Desk for his play I Am My Own Wife. In 2006, he received Tony and Drama Desk nominations for his book for the musical Grey Gardens. He also authored the book for the stage incarnation of Disney's The Little Mermaid and the 2013 stage production of Hands On A Hardbody, for which he received a Drama Desk nomination. Earlier in his career, Wright won an Obie Award for Quills and subsequently adapted it for screen. The film was named Best Picture by the National Board of Review and nominated for three Academy Awards. His screenplay was nominated for a Golden Globe Award and received the Paul Selvin Award from the Writers Guild of America. Other film work includes rewrites on major releases at Sony Pictures. Twentieth Century Fox, and The Weinstein Company. For director Rob Marshall, Wright penned the television special Tony Bennett: An American Classic, which received seven Emmy Awards. Directing credits include his own play Unwrap Your Candy at the Vineyard Theater in New York; Strindberg's Creditors at the La Jolla Playhouse, voted Best Production by the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle; and Kiki and Herb: Pardon Our Appearance in Washington DC, Philadelphia, and London. Acting credits include Little Manhattan, Two Lovers, and Law and Order. Wright serves on the boards of the New York Theater Workshop and the Dramatists Guild. He is a member of the Stage **Directors and Choreographers** Society and the Writers Guild of America. He lives in New York with his husband, singer/ songwriter David Clement.

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Hand-picked by the legendary Arthur Laurents (Gypsy, West Side Story), she wrote additional lyrics for a revival of Hallelujah Baby (Arena Stage, directed by Mr. Laurents). She costarred/wrote the lyrics for the NY Fringe Festival hit For The Love Of Tiffany: A Wifetime Original Musical (music Curtis Moore).

She wrote episodes for the Emmy Award-wining kids TV: show The Wonder Pets for Nick, Jr.(2008). She has also been a regular contributor of comic essays to PLAYBOY Magazine. In the 90's, inspired by the music of Lyle Lovett, she developed a passion for country music, and spent time in Nashville co-writing and performing at their famed Bluebird Café.

She is the winner of The Jonathan Larson Award, and Abe Ohlman Award from The Songwriter's Hall of Fame for Excellence in Songwriting, the L.A. Drama Critics Circle Award Nomination (Best Score), Backstage's Garland Award (Best Score) for Up The Week Without A Paddle (music Mr. Moore), the winner of two MAC Awards, and a Bistro Award for Best Comedy Song. She and Broadway guest stars perform her songs everywhere from Carnegie Hall to Birdland to the Bluebird Cafe. Her revue Put A Little Love In Your Mouth! The Songs Of Amanda Green sold-out at Off Broadway's Second Stage Theater and Joe's Pub. The critically acclaimed CD is available at www. greenpiecemusic.com

As an actress she has appeared on Broadway in the musicals Wonderful Town (Lincoln Center) and The Sheik Of Avenue B. She originated the role of 'Gary Coleman" in Avenue Q at The O'Neill Center. She spent two scasons at The Williamstown Theatre Festival.

Amanda is an alumnus of the BMI Lehman-Engel Musical Theare Writing Workshop and a graduate of Brown University. She lives in New York City with her husband Jeffrey Kaplan.

Trey Anastasio Music

is a guitarist, composer, and vocalist noted for his work with the rock band Phish, and his solo career, including the Trey Anastasio Band and the orchestral "Evenings with Trey Anastasio" performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, the Pittsburgh Symphony, and the Celorade Symphony.

Anastasio was a 2013 best score Tony award nominee for the **Broadway** musical *Hands on a Hardbody*. He received the 2013 Dramatist Guild Frederick Loewe award for Dramatic Composition.

In addition to his orchestral compositions, he is credited by name as composer of 152 Phish original songs. 140 of them as a solo credit, in addition to 41 credits attributed to the band as a whole.

BRIEFLY... ARTISTIC STAFF & CAST BIOGRAPHIES

Jeffrey Schmidt DIRECTOR/ SET DESIGNER Mr. Schmidt drives a truck and grew up in East Texas. T3 directing/ design credits include: On the Eve, Enron, Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo, The Farnsworth Invention, Language of Angels, The Crucifer of Blood, and Talley's Felly. He is co-founder of The Drama Club and was artistic director of MoonWater Theater Company. He last

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BIOGRAPHIES CONTINUED

appeared onstage at NYC's La Mama Theatre and with Shakespeare Dallas. Upcoming projects include: designs for Kitchen Dog Theater, Junior Players and Stagewest; acting for the Dallas Theater Center and a Dr. Faustus adaption with co-creators Michael Federico and Lydia Mackay, Represented by the Mary Collins Agency. For directing and design, go to jeffreyschmidtdesign.com.

Sheilah V. Walker MUSICAL DIRECTOR MS. Walker is delighted to be back at Theatre Three, having gotten her start here more years ago than she would like to mention. In addition to Theatre Three, she has conducted at Dallas Summer Musicals and Casa Manana in Ft.Worth.

One of her most recent jobs as conductor: the New York workshop of *The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess*, which led to the opening of this production in Cambridge, MA, at the American Repertory Theatre, starring Audra McDonald, Norm Lewis, and David Alan Grier. It later opened on Broadway in December of 2011, where it was awarded the 2012 Tony for Best Revival of a Musical and an award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical to Audra MacDonald.

Major Attaway RONALD

McCoWAN Major is making his Theatre Three debut with this production of Hands on a Hardbody. Locally, he has appeared at Dallas Theater Center, WaterTower Theater, Jubilee Theatre, Casa Manana and Bass Performance Hall.

Leah Clark NORMA VALVERDE Trained at Circle in the Square in NewYork and at Austin School of Music, Leah is making her Theatre Three debut. She has also been seen at Dallas Children's Theatre, Casa Manana, Zach Theatre in Austin, Music Theatre of Denton, and Onstage.

Sergio Antonio Garcia

Sergio made his Theatre Three debut in 2001 in The World Goes 'Round. Since then, he appeared as Patrick Chibas in Spinning Into Butter, Pastry Chef in The Drowsy Chaperone, Black Fox in Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson, Manny Munoz in City of Angels, and Zangara in Assassins.

Martha Harms CINDY BARNES This Southern Methodist University graduate returns to Theatre Three, having played Marie Antoinette in On The Eve last season. In addition to being a company member with Kitchen Dog Theater, Martha has also appeared at Undermain Theater, Nouveau 47, and Echo Theatre.

Jim Johnson JD DREW Received his degree from West Virginia University, Jim is making his Theatre Three debut. In the DFW area, he has appeared at Stage West, WaterTower Theatre, Circle Theatre, Uptown Players, and Casa Manana.

John Jones

DON CURTIS/DR. STOKES A graduate of the University of North Texas, John is making his Theatre Three debut in this production. Recently, he has appeared at Richardson Theatre Center and Pocket Sandwich Theatre.

Monét Lerner

HEATHER STOVALL Monét is excited to be making her Theatre Three debut in this production. Locally, she most recently appeared in the record breaking production of

record breaking production of Herbbits, Wizards & Borks, Oh My! at the Pocket Sandwich Theatre. A naive to California, Monét lives in Dallas, and is happy to call Texas her home.

Delynda Johnson Moravec

This University of Delaware graduate made her Theatre Three debut in Mack and Mabel and has since appeared in Theatre Three's productions of Lost in the Stars, A Catered Affair, and The Light in the Piazza. She has also performed at Lyric Stage, Uptown Players, Garland Summer Musicals, Dallas Children's Theater, Pfamily Arts, and MainStage Irving-Los Colinas.

Ethan Norris FRANK NUGENT Ethan, trained at Texas Wesleyan University and Texas A&M. is making his Theatre Three debut in Hands on a Hardbody. Locally, he has appeared at Shakespeare Dallas, Theatre Arlington, Casa Manana, WaterTower Theatre, and Fort Worth's Shakespeare in the Park.

Chris Ramirez CHRIS ALVARO Chris holds a BFA in theatre performance from Baylor University and is making his Theatre Three debut in this production. In the DFW area, he has appeared at Shakespeare Dallas, Teatro Dallas, Outcry Theatre, Stolen Shakespeare Guild, and GPAC. Aaron Roberts MIKE FERRIS Mr. Roberts rejoins the T3 team, having been previously seen in Sherlock Holmes in The Crucifer of Blood, Wild Oats, The Farnsworth Invention, Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson, Euron, and By The Way, Meet Vera Stark. He most recently portrayed Father Flynn in Theatre Arlington's Doubt and Colonel Wells in Second Thought Theatre's Booth.

Nancy Sherrard JANIS CURTIS

Nancy Sherrard received her theatrical training at University of Oklahoma, The National Theater of London and has studied Meisner Technique with Terry Martin. Recent theater credits include Aunt Polly/Widow Douglas in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer at WaterTower Theater, Gita in Division Avenue at Contemporary Theater of Dallas, Mag in The Beauty Queen of Leenane at Kitchen Dog Theater and Mattie Fae Aiken in August: Osage County for WaterTower Theater. Ms. Sherrard made her professional debut at Theater Three in 1975 in The Learned Ladies as Martine.

Garret Storms GREG WILHOTE Garret holds a BFA in musical theatre from Sam Houston State University and is making his Theatre Three debut in Hands on a Hardbody. Locally, he has appeared at Stage West, WaterTower Theatre, Amphibian Stage Productions, and Shakespeare Dallas.

Molly Welch KELLI MANGRUM This Booker T, Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts graduate is making her Theatre Three debut in this production. She was most recently seen in *Soho Cinders* at Uptown Players and has performed at WaterTower Theater, Dallas Children's Theater, and Lyric Stage.

Ashley Wood BENNY PERKINS After studying theatre at Abilene Christian University, Ashley first appeared at Theatre Three in the 1995 production of All in the Timing, Most recently, he played the janitor/priest in See What I Wanna See, Robert in Don't Dress for Dinner, Richard Dudgeon in The Devil's Disciple, the Man #1 in the original cast of I Love You, You're Perfect, Nour Change, and Stephen in Old Wicked Songs.

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Dear Playgoer,

We used to call The Annual Fund by another name when we started writing letters every September seeking donations from loyal patrons to fund the productions. We called it the The Phoenix Fund because we were struggling, like the fabled bird, to fly up out of the fire – a blaze of costs we just couldn't meet.

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We got more "dignified" and started calling the campaign "The Arnual Fund". I am proud of its success in building an ever larger (and ever more generous) list of regular supporters, but I'm chagrined that the urgency of need still puts a knot in my belly as I solicit support.

Yes, there's an urgency about needing to make this year's fund drive successful. The truth is, it's going to require more donors to help so that administrative and artistic budgets are reasonable. Frankly, they haven't been since the country went through the recession. I'm proud to say the new budget of the City of Dallas restores Arts funding to the pre-recession levels this year. That's great! But it's still INDIVIDUALS like you who form the necessary majority of support for this enterprise.

Help The Annual Fund. We know how to accept a contribution and we all know how to say a big warm THANK YOU! I'd so appreciate getting this knot out of my belly!

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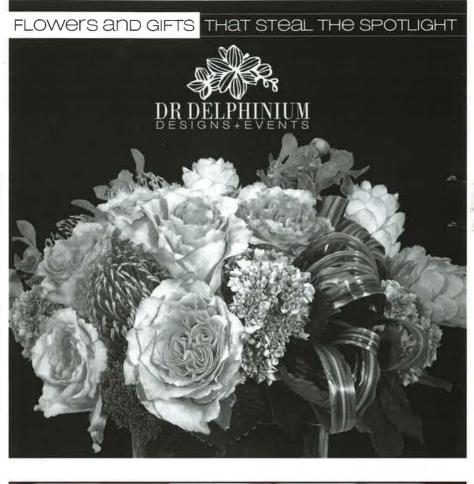
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